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SUBJ: CUBA-SURINAM RELATIONS

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1. CUBAN AMBASSADOR IN GEORGETOWN, IVAN CESAR MARTINEZ, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, AS WELL AS BY EMBASSY OFFICER SILVIO GONZALEZ AND CUBAN "BUSINESSMAN" JOSE A. FERNANDEZ, PAID PRIVATE VISIT TO PARAMARIBO AUGUST 8-11. INFORMED GOS SOURCE HAS TOLD US CUBANS WERE NOT RECEIVED OFFICIALLY BUT DID MEET WITH ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER BRUMA AND EXECUTIVES OF BRUYNZEEL CORPORATION, WITH WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN CONTRACT TALKS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PLYWOOD AND OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS. SOURCE INDICATED CUBANS ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SURINAM AND EXPECTED THEY MIGHT MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH PERHAPS IN OCTOBER.

2. EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY LEARNED THAT CUBANS HAD BEEN TOLD PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THEM BECAUSE OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY DECIDED TO COME ANYWAY TO CONDUCT OTHER BUSINESS.

3. VISIT ATTRACTED PRESS COMMENT FROM DE WEST, WHICH
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REPORTED ARRIVAL OF THE CUBANS AND APPEARED TO ALLY

ITSELF WITH THOSE CITIZENS WHICH IT SAID CONSIDERED THE
CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO BE AN UNWELCOME GUEST.
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